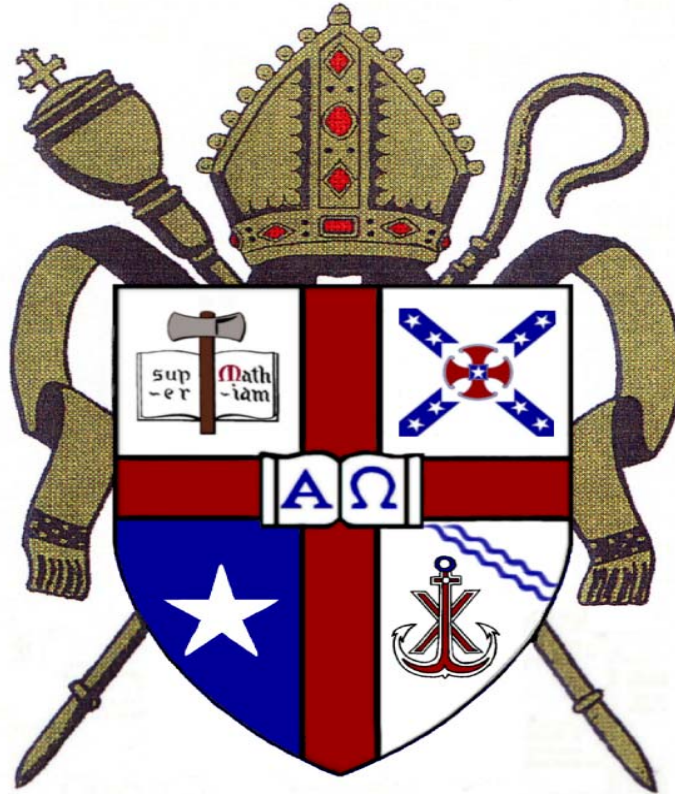


# St. Matthias Anglican Church

The Cathedral Parish of the Diocese of Mid-America  
Of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Anglican Church in North America



The Service of  
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We understand that many visitors are either 1) not familiar with using a Prayer Book or 2) used to a different Prayer Book than the one we use at St. Matthias. This usually brings concerns of finding the right page number, skipping over pages, knowing when to stand, to sit, to kneel, to speak together and when to let the Priest speak alone. These concerns can easily distract your worship until you learn the service and become used to it.

We don't want to let those issues distract you from participating in and experiencing the beautiful worship we offer together to the Lord.

That is why we have provided you with this service book. Its purpose is to remove many of those distractions by putting the entire service (except for hymns) in a very straightforward and easy to use format. This will allow you to worship while learning our liturgy (the prayers of worship) until such a point that you feel comfortable to use the Prayer Book. For now, all you have to be concerned are the following instructions:

All things in **REGULAR** type are said by the Priest only.

All things in **BOLD** type are said by People in unison.

All things in *RED ITALICS* type are notes & instructions to help you.

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**(STANDING)**

## INTROIT

O Lord, my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation: I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me.

**How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?**

Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost\*

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*See the 1<sup>st</sup> Hymn number listed on the Hymn Board. The hymn board is on the front right wall of the Church. Hymnals are found in the pews. After the Procession is complete, the Priest will turn to the congregation and continue with the following:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**(KNEELING)**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*On the first Sunday of the month, the priest will rehearse all Ten Commandments. Following each commandment a response is sung. On all other Sundays of the month and during evening services, the Priest will recite the "Summary of the Law" and the congregation will sing the "Kyrie Eleison".*

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*The entire congregation will sing the Kyrie Eleison*

702 JOHN MERBECKE, 1549

*In unison*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## COLLECT(S) FOR THE DAY

*The Priest will now pray what is called the "Collect for the Day". This prayer changes each week and is centered on the celebration and lessons according to the Church calendar. Multiple Collects are prayed during some Church seasons.*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**(SITTING)**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*The Old Testament Lesson is read by the Lector. This lesson changes each week as it is contained in what is called a "Lectionary". A lectionary is an ordered schedule of readings for every day of the Church year and takes into account Church Feasts and seasons as well as daily readings.*

*Jeremiah chapter 23 verses 23 through 32*

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their

fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

**(STANDING)**

### THE PSALTER LESSON

*We now read a Psalter lesson as a congregation. The Priest reads the first half of each verse and the congregation reads the second half. Every Psalter ends with the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father....")*

#### *Psalm 73*

Truly God is loving unto Israel: \*

**even unto such as are of a clean heart.**

Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone, \*

**my treadings had well-nigh slipped.**

And why? I was grieved at the wicked: \*

**I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.**

For they are in no peril of death; \*

**but are lusty and strong.**

They come in no misfortune like other folk; \*

**Neither are they plagued like other men.**

And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride, \*

**and cruelty covereth them as a garment.**

Their eyes swell with fatness, \*  
**and they do even what they lust.**

They corrupt others, and speak of wicked blasphemy; \*  
**their talking is against the Most High.**

For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven, \*  
**and their tongue goeth through the world.**

Therefore fall the people unto them, \*  
**and thereout suck they no small advantage.**

Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? \*  
**is there knowledge in the Most High?**

Lo, these are the ungodly, \*  
**these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession:**

And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, \*  
**and washed my hands in innocency.**

All the day long have I been punished, \*  
**and chastened every morning.**

Yea, and I had almost said even as they; \*  
**but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.**

Then thought I to understand this; \*  
**but it was too hard for me,**

Until I went into the sanctuary of God: \*  
**then understood I the end of these men;**

Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places, \*  
**and castest them down, and destroyest them.**

O how suddenly do they consume, \*  
**perish, and come to a fearful end!**

Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh; \*  
**so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.**

Thus my heart was grieved, \*  
**and it went even through my reins.**

So foolish was I, and ignorant, \*  
**even as it were a beast before thee.**

Nevertheless, I am always by thee; \*

**for thou hast holden me by my right hand.**

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, \*

**and after that receive me with glory.**

Whom have I in heaven but thee? \*

**and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.**

My flesh and my heart faileth; \*

**but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.**

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish; \*

**thou hast destroyed all them that are unfaithful unto thee.**

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord GOD, \*

**and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**(SITTING)**

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

*The Lector now reads a lesson called the Epistle lesson. The Epistle lessons are usually exhortative in nature and come from the Epistle Letters of the New Testament. Occasionally, the Epistle Lesson may be taken from an Old Testament Prophetical book or from Revelation.*

*1 John 4:7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that

loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

**(STANDING)**

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

*Here we will sing a Gospel hymn (see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn on the Hymn Board). Some verses are sung before the Gospel lesson is read and some verses are sung after the Gospel lesson is read. It will be helpful if you keep your hymnal open during the reading of the Gospel.*

*During the procession and reading of the Gospel, the crucifer and the priest will process and stand in the middle of the people. This is symbolic of Christ coming and dwelling amidst His people. "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1)*

### **HYMN NUMBER #427 – SING VERSES 1 & 2 ONLY**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

*The congregation will respond to the announcement of the Gospel by singing what is called the "Gloria Tibi"*

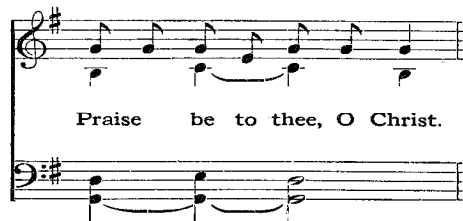


There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also

died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*The congregation will respond to the reading of the Gospel by singing what is called the "Laus Tibi"*



*After the Gospel is read and after singing the above, we will sing the remaining verses of the Gospel Hymn.*

**HYMN NUMBER #427 – SING VERSES 3 & 4 ONLY**

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*Together the congregation now recites the ancient and historic creed which expresses the fundamental beliefs of the Christian Faith.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

***(SITTING)***

*The Priest will give any announcements concerning upcoming dates, services and events in the life of the Parish. When finished with the announcements, children ages 3-8 may leave for Kids Chapel.*

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**(STANDING)**

THE SERMON HYMN

*See the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn listed on the hymn board.*

**(SITTING)**

THE SERMON  
THE OFFERTORY  
THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

**(STANDING)**

THE DOXOLOGY

*After the table has been prepared for Communion and the offering has been received by the ushers, the congregation will stand and sing the traditional Doxology and the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of "My Country tis of thee." These are printed on the next two pages.*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings

This system of musical notation is for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings".

flow; Praise him, all creatures here be

This system of musical notation is for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "flow; Praise him, all creatures here be".

low; Praise him above, ye heavenly

This system of musical notation is for the third system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "low; Praise him above, ye heavenly".

host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and

This system of musical notation is for the fourth system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and".

Ho - ly Ghost.

This system of musical notation is for the fifth system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ghost."

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Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

## THE INVITATION

*It is the practice of the Reformed Episcopal Church to invite all BAPTIZED Christians to partake of the Holy Supper. It is also the practice of Fr. Jason to serve children at the request of their parents. If you or your child does not partake, fold your arms across your chest and Fr. Jason will bless you.*

Our fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and all who love our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.

## PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

**(KNEELING)**

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [\*alms and ] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly

and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE EXHORTATION

*Note: Three times a year, the priest will read a lengthier exhortation here. If such is to be read, the priest will announce it and the congregation will stand. Because of the few times it is read, it is not included in this service book.*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

## THE CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

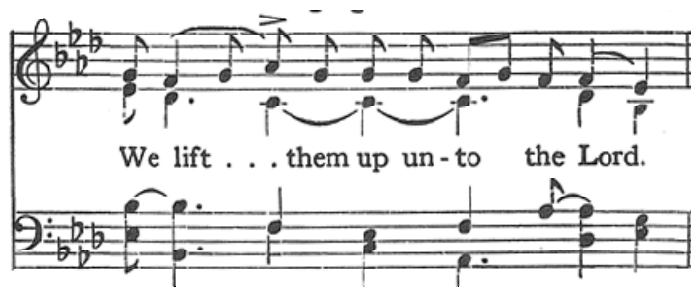
Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

THE SURSUM CORDA &  
SANCTUS w/ BENEDICTUS

*Priest Sings:* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation Sings:*



We lift . . . them up un-to the Lord.

*Priest Sings:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Congregation Sings:*



It is meet . . . . and right so to do.

*Priest Sings:*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Congregation Sings:*

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord God of hosts,

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee,

O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

## THE CANON

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in

remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who are in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

*The Congregation Sings (see opposing page):*

*In unison*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*The Priest will now serve Communion. First he will serve those aiding in the worship service and then to the congregation. The Priest will invite everyone to come forward at which point you may come to the sanctuary rail in turn to receive Holy Communion. When you are finished communing, you may return to your pew and sing the Communion Hymn(s) when it starts.*

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## THE COMMUNION HYMN(S)

*See the 4<sup>th</sup> Hymn listed on the hymn board.*

*After the Table and utensils have been cleaned and the Communion Hymn(s) are done, the service will continue with this prayer.*

**(KNEELING)**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us Pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

**(STANDING)**

*Following this prayer the congregation will stand and sing the Gloria in Excelsis. This is sung on most Sundays in the Church year. Note however, that during Advent, Pre-Lent and Lent, the Gloria is not sung and is replaced with a kneeling hymn.*

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,  
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee,

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

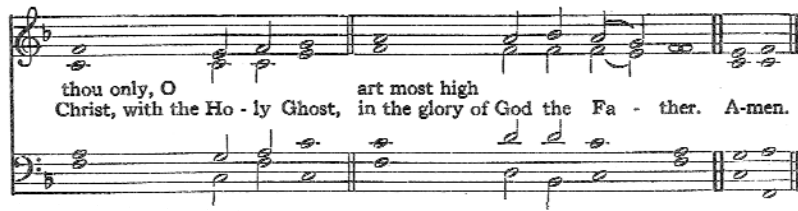
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on . . us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mercy up - on . . us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;



**(KNEELING)**

*Note that the Priest may say occasional or birthday/anniversary prayers before the Blessing which are not included in this book.*

## THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**(STANDING)**

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(See the last Hymn on the Hymn Board)*

*After the hymn is finished, the Priest will offer one final ascription of praise from the back of the Church. This concludes the service and you are welcome to greet everyone and to join us for a time of refreshments and family fellowship in Johnson Hall.*

## The Service of Holy Communion

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*You may leave this book in the pew or return it to the Usher or Priest as you exit the building.*

*It was our joy to have you visit today and we hope that you found our worship to be uplifting, strengthening and worthy of God. May God's blessings be upon you and we hope that you will visit with us again.*